
Child Welfare Advisory Committee
100 W. Randolph 16th floor Room 504 and 406 E. Monroe Springfield
February 14th, 2019 1PM-3PM
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Attendees: Director Walker, Zack Schrantz, Royce Kirkpatrick, Doug Washington, Kara Teeple, Raul Garza, Christopher Cox, Andrea Durbin, Kim Mann, Rich Bobby, Jeremy Harvey, Jill Tichenor, George Vennikandam, Brian Finley, Shawn Edding, Juliana Harms, Jennifer Marett, Nora Colins-Mandeville, Melissa Riddle, Kathy Grzelak, Debra Dyer-Webster, Rick Velazquez, Monico Whittington-Eskridge, Margaret Vimont, Mary Anne Berg, Nancy Dorfman Schwartz, Marshae Terry, Melissa Luddington, Dan Kotowski, DeAudrey Davis, Toleda Hart

Public: Louis Bedford, Kacy Anderson

Springfield: Robert Blackwell, Terry Carmichael, Debra Kennedy, Trish Foxx, Harriet Kersch, Erik Foster, Nora Harms Pavelski

Phone: Elizabeth Richmond, Ruth Jajcko, Elizabeth Kessler, Melissa Reynolds, Norma Machay, Bill Franklin, Nancy Hughes Moyer, Rachael Hoyte, Hope Carbonaro, Anika Todd, Michelle Grove, Verletta Saxon, Sajad Husain, Mary Savage, Stephen Budde

I. Welcome and Introductions

- a. Approval of November Minutes – Kara motioned, Chris Cox seconded
- b. New Member acknowledgement

II. Director's Update

a. Family First Update – Sajad Husain .

b. APT Dashboards- Mary Nam

- i. With each of the dashboards we have come to an agreement on a system level view of data. Each measure establishes a target with a focus on the problem we are trying to solve. Based primarily on a hypothesis of performance improvement. This process used a work group to improve outcomes.
- ii. The focus of metrics and measures were to align with the CFSR measures
- iii. Permanency RH: Focus on reunification within 6 months, within 12 months, between 12-23 & 24+ months

1. There was a lot of discussion about the resources needed to achieve the metrics. There was lot of strategy around the goals being set. The goal here was to give ideas to provide what 1 or 2 things you can focus on to change the trajectory of cases.
 - a. We ideally want a more nuanced approach to each metric and each agencies dynamic. Then keep track of the metric...
 - i. Do you want to track lots of metrics, are there other bets you will be making? There are complicating factors, like courts, like wait times for services are we creating metrics or bets around those items?
 1. We have to start somewhere, there are lot of hypothesis of key factors, some of those items are located in the CFSR PIP, but we really think these are a good place to start.
 - b. There is a March 8th CWAC sub-committee meeting to continue to review these metrics.
 - c. Finalization of metrics and testing are going to occur in the near future.

c. Budget and finance- Royce

i. 2020 proposed Budget

1. This is still Embargoed, which means we cannot talk a lot about it. We learned lessons in FY '13, there will be ongoing conversations. We received some confirmations that there will be a human services Budget panel. We will distribute information about that budget panel.

ii. Title IV-E transition planning

1. IGH length of stay will begin to comply with rules as we move down the road.
2. In the first year when we see a \$26M hit, it is very real. Unless the proposed legislation actually passes to give states 2 years to ramp up.
3. Any alignment with HFS/DHS?
 - a. DCFS is the IV-E agent for the state, we do allow a line item for other agencies to bill through DCFS to access these dollars. We want this to happen, but these are early days.

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- b. Key change is that those dollars need to buy evidence based and or well supported. That is going to take some coordination.

iii. FY '19 Flex funds initiative

- 1. First stage covered 80%, what we distributed is the remaining 20%.
- 2. We are going to begin the local conversations between agencies and the department before we open it up. We are finalizing and pushing them into payable status, so when the intake is open the dollars are available.
- 3. The initial utilization has been on the lower side.
- 4. The call to providers through the GATA website

d. Residential and BMN- Michael C. Jones

- i. Longevity bonuses have been moving along, and we have been focusing on longevity for other roles. We reviewed additional positions that could have the longevity. We agreed on expansion to Several additional roles.

- 1. Run-away location monitor, Transportation Visit Aids, Residential case manager, Therapist, Recreation coordinator.
 - a. There is preference POS sounding off if (Residential ILO/TLP) Managers in addition to or instead of Therapist incentives, DCFS to examine this.
 - b. These were both residential and foster care staff.
 - c. Position start dates July 1, 2018 and after qualifying

ii. BMN

- 1. Do you have number of Shelter, RUR and in addition to BMN?
 - a. There is tracking of these numbers

e. BH Special Master

- i. A special Master was appointed December 2018. It is a settlement tool relating to facilitating conversations. There is a contract for the next year. Litigants asked for the special mater who can enter orders, and review motions ect.,
 - a. Special Master role is not budget, but the implementation plan and the BH consent decree. For example, Immersions sites, there may be disagreements about how to resolve an issue.
 - b. Special Master reports to the Judge, the budget is not an issue of the BH consent decree.
 - c.

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f. Adoption and Guardianship initiative – Deb Kennedy –(TABLED)

III. Adjournment

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May 9th 1-3PM

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